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Remarks

This communication responds to the Office Action mailed November 16, 2005 for the application captioned above. By this amendment, claims 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 14, 29 and 30 are amended and claims 1, 3, 6, 9, 23-28, 31 and 32 are canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. No new matter has been added as a result of this amendment and no new issues of patentability raised. The following remarks are respectfully submitted

§102 Rejection

Claims 1, 3-6, 8, 9, 14 and 29-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (a and e) as being anticipated by Galbraith (USPN 6,520,275). Applicant has canceled claims 1, 3, 6, 9, 31 and 32, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, rendering the rejection of these claims moot. Applicant traverses the rejection of claims 4, 5, 8, 14, 29 and 30 based on the amendment to these claims and to claim 7. Applicant has amended claim 7, rewriting claim 7 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, per the Examiner's instruction to overcome the objection of the Examiner to claim 7, and has amended claims 4, 5, 8, 14, 29 and 30 to be dependent upon amended claim 7. In light of the amendments, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 4, 5, 8, 14, 29 and 30.

Allowable matter

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 7 and 10-13 as being dependent upon a rejected based claim and indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant traverses the objection to claims 7 and 10-13 based on the amendment to claims 7 and 10, per the Examiner's instruction; claims 11-13, being originally dependent upon claim 10, require no amendment in light of the amendment to claim 10. In light of the amendments, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the objection to claims 7 and 10-13.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 15, 16 and 18-22 are allowed.

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In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested. Applicant believes no fee is due to enter the present Amendment. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees required to Deposit Account No. 061910. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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